

What: All-Wards Meeting
Who: Hosted by your Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (NPA)
When: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 7:00 PM to - 8:30 PM
Where: 207 Flynn Ave. City Market Community Room

All Wards Minutes

Steering Committee present:

Ward 7- Ryon Frink, Linda Deliduka, Chris Trombly, Jeff Comstock

Ward 4- Jim Holway

Ward 1- Richard Hillyard

Ward 3- Lizzle Haskell, James Lockridge

Ward 5- Ben Traverse, Joanna Grossman

Ward 6- No SC members present

Start: 7:03pm

Introductions/Open Comment: Didn't see the Mayor's State of the City address on improving NPAs have any real action. Wards 1.8 doing a tour of hospital on May 8th. Invite others to join.

Budget Update from CEDO: Phet shared current NPA budget balance and reimbursement forms. See attached. The City's fiscal year runs July 1st –June 30th. This fiscal year 2019 ends June 30th 2019. Reimbursements forms and receipts should be submitted to Phet Keomanyvanh by mid-June. Accounts payable starts closing out the FY at this time. For first time reimbursements need to submit W-9, Vendor Request, and receipt. After this just need to submit the Vendor Request and receipt.

NPA Funding: Want to increase funding for NPAs. Can the increased funding go through CEDO's NPA budget? Need to increase operational budget and grant money for community improvement projects. Third column is strengthening the NPAs to help build capacity and engagement. Wards 2 and 3 had done an operational visioning of what they would spend for their NPAs. Ward 5 reaction to resolution is that they were blindsided of what was on the Council NPA resolution and that's why they put on the brakes on it. Wasn't opposed to increase budget. Need to be on the same page of what NPAs want to do if had an increase of operational funds and come up with a single voice to propose to the City Council. Understanding the history of NPAs to see the decrease is good to challenge the Administration of the depletion of resources. In the past CDBG had grant funding for NPAs and over the years HUD rules

became more restricted and had a lot of regulations. NPAs also had CEDO staff that administrated grants. If the NPAs have consensus of funding that is a form of an equitable amount then can go back to each NPA to ask what people want to see of the future. There were two resolutions that came out. One of resolution came out of All Wards in April 2018 and one was introduced by Councilors Dieng and Hartnett afterwards. Should come up with an agreement of what is reasonable amount at tonight's All Wards and give to Phet to forward to Mayor. As a follow up propose that each NPA also have conversations with each of their NPAs and councilors to let them know.

Motion: 2500k per Ward for the NPAs to increase capacity to further the mission of the NPAs to be included in the FY 2020 budget.

Submit to the Mayor and City Council. All Wards has ratified motion. By April 5th get back to Chris Trombly and report by email and put together an ad-hoc NPA funding committee.

Skill Development Opportunities: Ward 5 have had a lot of activist guest and want to get some mediator training. CEDO can provide professional development training in governance 101 and community awareness and outreach workshops. Wards 4 and 7 does an onboarding for new SC members to assign responsibilities. Having a strong moderator and time keeper really helps keep the structure of the meeting going. All SC members present at All Wards say yes for this training and for CEDO to help organize these annual training.

Charter Changes: SC member elections not being on the ballot devalues the NPAs. For ballot changes would need to go through charter change in Montpelier. Not all SC members at All Wards were in favor of having SC member elections on ballot. One downfall is that non-citizens can't vote if on ballot for SC members. This also does get to a larger question of heated debate about issues that could have been cooled if had better grass roots community engagement. How can NPA regain the mantel of having creditability for people to come first and not last resort?

Hosting NPA Forum: Meeting time ran out. This topic was not discussed.

*Next All Wards meeting not set

*Addendum to the All-Wards: Allocation \$2,500.00 per Ward as an annual Budget was supported at Wards 1 and 8 NPA on 3/13/19 and Wards 2 and 3 NPA on 3/14/19 meetings

End: 8:55pm

Minutes by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO